The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes
November 11, 2015


Absent (Excused): Melissa Duff, Elena Gavruseva, Shawn Goodman, Randall McEntaffer, Bob McMurray, Nathan Platte, Glenn Storey, Frank Weirich, Marc Wold

Absent: Björn Anderson, Emilie Destruel-Johnson, Kyungmin Kim, Yasmine Ramadan, Tlaloc Rivas, Barbara Mooney

Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, Jon Burke, Chloe Cable, Helena Dettmer, Steve Duck, Kathryn Hall, Tim Havens, Noopur Inani, Erin Irish, Liz Mills, Ingrid Ukstins Peate, Jacob Simpson, Rachel Williams, Rachel Zuckerman

1. Professor Russell Ganim, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, announced that the December 16 Faculty Assembly meeting will be devoted to updates from Faculty Assembly subcommittees.

2. The minutes from October 14, 2015, were approved.

3. Associate Professor Rachel Williams, Chair of the Department of Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies, presented a proposal for an undergraduate minor in Gender, Health, and Healthcare Equity, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. The proposed minor emerged from student interest and faculty affiliations and expertise in healthcare fields. The minor will require four courses (12 semester hours) in four areas as well as a three semester hour capstone project such as an internship, research project, or creative scholarship. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

4. Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum, and the Humanities Helena Dettmer, along with Associate Professor Ingrid Ukstins Peate, Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences and Chair of the CLAS General Education Curriculum Committee, and Associate Professor Tim Havens, Department of Communication Studies and member of the CLAS Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, presented a proposal for changes to the CLAS General Education Program to reframe the existing category of Values, Society, and Diversity into two new categories: Diversity and Inclusion, and Values and Culture. CLAS students entering the University of Iowa in summer 2017 or later would be required to complete three semesters hours of course work in each new area. After extensive discussion including review of outcomes and
expression of support for the proposed changes by several representatives from University of Iowa Student Government, the proposal was approved.

5. The Chair initiated a discussion regarding the status of Lecturers. CLAS Executive Committee is revising the College’s Manual of Procedure and is examining whether or not to integrate Lecturers into existing Voting Groups. Associate Professor Bob Cook, School of Music and Chair of the FA subcommittee on the Role and Status of Lecturers, proposed that at its December meeting Faculty Assembly consider an amendment to the Manual of Procedure Article I, Section 1. The Faculty, to include Lecturers as members of the Faculty. He noted that that the Manual of Procedure does not address voting on promotion and tenure; however the amendment would allow Lecturers to serve on some collegiate committees. A lively discussion ensued regarding the role of Lecturers in the College.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Russell Ganim, Division of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures Chair of the Faculty Assembly